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RE: DRC Conflict Minerals Statement / Dodd-Frank Act

Dear Valued Customer:

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as directed by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, finalized requirements for issuers of public securities to disclose their use of "conflict minerals" originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries. The rule applies to products containing any of the four conflict minerals (Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten, and Gold) if the minerals are "necessary to the functionality or production" of the products manufactured.

Brown Metals Company is a privately held corporation and thereby not required to file reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Brown Metals Company is thereby exempt from the requirements of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 in regards to the use of "conflict minerals."

Even though Brown Metals Company is exempt from this requirement and does not manufacture any of the products sold, we do distribute products for manufacturers that are bound by the SEC requirements in regards to conflict minerals. In an effort to voluntarily provide compliance support to our customers, we have obtained and posted statements of compliance from these manufacturers on our website at www.brownmetals.com/compliance. If we can provide additional assistance or answer any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lance Brown", with a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lance Brown